GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DESTRUCTION OF MANGROVE FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where mangrove forests are grown;

(b) whether the Government have made any assessment of destruction of mangrove forest during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to develop the mangrove forest in States especially in Andhra Pradesh and Uttranchal during the Tenth Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Mangrove forests occur in West Bengal, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(b) & (c) According to State of Forests Report 1999 total Mangrove area in the country is reported to be 4871 sq.km. This showed over all increase of 338 sq.km. of Mangrove forest in the country during 1995-99. Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has launched a scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs since 1986.On the recommendations of the National Committee on Mangroves and Coral Reefs Coringa, East Godavari and Krishna Mangrove areas in Andhra Pradesh have been identified for conservation. An amount of Rs.117.05 lakhs has been released to Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years for implementation of Management Action Plans for these identified Mangrove areas.The Scheme is continued in the Tenth Five Year Plan. Mangroves are salt tolerant characteristic complex plant communities growing in coastal areas and therefore do not occur in Uttranchal.